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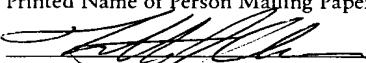
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Assignee: Wenthworth Laboratories, Inc.

Title: METHOD FOR FORMING PHOTO-DEFINED MICRO ELECTRICAL CONTACTS

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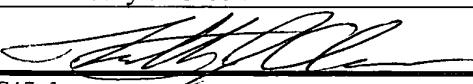
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